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Identical letters dated 13 November 2000 from the Permanent Representative of Mali to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to transmit herewith the text of the Agreement on Ceasefire and Cessation of Hostilities between the Government of the Republic of Sierra Leone and the Revolutionary United Front (RUF), signed in Abuja on 10 November 2000 (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the text of this letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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AGREEMENT ON CEASE-FIRE AND CESSATION OF HOSTILITIES

BETWEEN

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SIERRA LEONE REPRESENTED BY SOLOMON EKUMA BEREWA

AND

THE REVOLUTIONARY UNITED FRONT (RUF) REPRESENTED BY JONATHAN JIM KPOSOWA

THE GOVERNMENT OF SIERRA LEONE AND RUF,

Reaffirming their determination to establish sustainable peace, stability and security in Sierra Leone ;

Also reaffirming their commitment to the Lome Peace Agreement of 7 July 1999 as the framework for the restoration of genuine and lasting peace to the country ;

Desirous of adopting effective confidence-building measures so as to create a conducive environment for fresh application of the Lome Peace Agreement which constitutes the most appropriate framework for the resolution of the conflict in Sierra Leone ;

Welcoming the emergence of a new leadership within the RUF and noting its stated commitment to work towards the restoration of peace to Sierra Leone

HEREBY AGREE AS FOLLOWS:

1. To declare and observe a cease-fire and to halt hostilities with effect from the 10th Day of November, 2000 starting at 12.00 midnight.

2. The parties agree to refrain from committing any act or carrying out any activity that might constitute or facilitate a violation of the ceasefire.

3. (i) They agree that the United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone shall supervise and monitor the cease-fire. The United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone shall also investigate and report on any acts of cease-fire violation.

(ii) These reports shall be presented by UNAMSIL to a Committee comprising ECOWAS Committee of Six on Sierra Leone, the ECOWAS Secretariat, the United Nations, the Government of Sierra Leone and the RUF.

4. Both parties agree that UNAMSIL shall have full liberty to deploy its troops and other personnel throughout Sierra Leone including the diamond producing areas in the discharge of its responsibilities, when UNAMSIL is satisfied that the ceasefire is observed by all the parties.

5. The parties undertake, with a view to restoring the authority of the Government throughout the entire territory of Sierra Leone, to ensure free movement of persons and goods, unimpeded movement of humanitarian agencies, and of refugees and displaced persons.

6. The RUF commits itself to the immediate return of all weapons, ammunitions and other equipment seized by RUF.

7. The two parties agree to recommence immediately, for all combatants, the Disarmament, Demobilisation and Reintegration Programme.

8. The following shall constitute a violation of this Agreement:

(i) all illegal importation of arms, ammunitions and other weapons of war;

(ii) any attack by one of the parties against the positions of the other party before, during or after the deployment of UNAMSIL troops.

(iii) laying of mines or incendiary devices after the entry into force of this Agreement, the refusal to disclose the existence of such mines or explosives and their location, and the deliberate refusal to cooperate by turning over the maps indicating such locations;

iv) harassment or attacks, hostage taking, and seizure of arms and equipment belonging to troops serving under the United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone, or under the authority of the Government of Sierra Leone;

v) obstructing the activities of the United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone.

9. The ultimate objective of the present Agreement is to ensure a cease-fire and to bring an end to the hostilities. Consequently, the parties agree to undertake with the participation of the ECOWAS Committee of six of the Mediation and Security Council on Sierra Leone and the United Nations, a review of the implementation of this Agreement, thirty (30) days after its entry into force, to evaluate the timeliness of commencing fresh application of the Lome Peace Agreement.

Done at Abuja this 10th Day of November, 2000.

Solomon Ekuma Berewa
Minister of Justice and
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For the Government of the
Republic of Sierra Leone

Jonathan Jim Kposowa
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For the Revolutionary
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Witnessed by representatives of the Committee of the ECOWAS Mediation and Security Council:

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